

Lexington, Oct. 7 '64  
Mr. Garrison

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My Dear Sir,

Having learned by the Liberator that there has been some falling off from the list of its subscribers in consequence of its course relative to the coming election permit me to say, Sir, that I am one of the many who very highly appreciate that course, especially in view of the tremendous issues now involved. And I take this opportunity also of saying that having long been a reader of the Liberator, the perfect candor, as well as faithfulness in reproof, of its editorials, has as long been to me a



subject of admiration.

In conversation not long since with a particular friend of mine (Mr. George who you may remember stopped his party W. Semonds) I remarked to him that among all the strange events of these strange times, the strangest that I could think of was that he should lose confidence in Mr. Garrison. He very promptly replied that he never did, for a moment, lose his confidence in Mr. Garrison - that is, in his motives - but he had thought there had been an error in his judgment, and he could not well bear that the Liberator should try to crush the Fremont movement, from which he had hoped so much. I presume

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but only for some weary members of  
your party

that the others who dis-  
continued the Liberator  
had the same feelings  
and I have no doubt  
they will, generally retract  
their order of discontin-  
uance and return to the  
Liberator with unabated  
love and increased re-  
spect for its Editor.

After all I suspect that  
those who abandoned the  
Liberator did its editor  
a greater honor than those  
of us who remained - that  
is, if any of us could do  
him any honor - They, by  
leaving, showed that they  
had been converted, not  
to you, Sir, but to those  
immortal principles of  
Justice & liberty and



Christian philanthropy  
to which you have so  
long and so suc-  
cessfully devoted your  
life. — They had been  
so thoroughly baptised  
into the spirit of Liberty  
that they would perse-  
vere even after they  
thought their leader  
had left them. I ad-  
mire their devotion to  
their principles though  
I cannot help smiling  
at their egregious mistakes.

As there may be  
some temporary loss to the  
Liberator by the mistake,  
above alluded to, you will  
please find inclosed ten  
dollars. I regret that my means  
will not allow me to make it  
a thousand. The enclosed  
has no reference to what  
may be due for the Liberator.  
I will settle that with Mr. Wallcut.  
Most truly yours, Charles Fidd